

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL MEETING, MAERSK MC-KINNEY MOELLER INSTITUTE

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00-11:30 – Hybrid meeting

**Participants:**

Kasper Hallenborg (Chairman)  
Christian T. Veje (Deputy Chairman)  
Anders Bøgild  
Annika Skjødt  
Danish Shaikh  
Sanja Lazarova-Molnar

**Absent:**

Julie Bebe-Hempler  
Manuella Lech Cantuaria  
Thiusius Rajeeth  
Rasmus Rasmussen Fahrendorff

**Minute taker:**

Annika Skjødt

**Agenda:**

**Subject**

1. The possibility of a stress management coach
2. Co-teaching, economics of education, admission of students 2021
3. Status from the student councils
4. AOB
5. Next meeting

### Ad 1) Stress Management Coach

The possibility of using a stress management coach at the institute is being discussed. The council thinks that a stress coach could be fine if he/she can provide useful tools that would enable employees to help themselves in the future. It will not make a difference if a passive approach is taken.

We need to make sure that the content of a talk or an approach is interesting and relevant. Kasper asks the council to send input. He also requests input for a "Department Day".

*"7 habits of highly effective people"* by Stephen R. Covey was mentioned as an inspirational book for those who do not already know it.

### Ad 2) Co-teaching, economics of education, admission of students 2021

#### External teachers/supervisors

We still hire a lot of externals to cover the teaching and supervision tasks. To change this, we need to discuss how we can increase and improve the overlap between courses/educations.

Kasper will initiate the discussion with the heads of educations to start the process.

#### Economics of education

The income that SDU gets from students has been decreased over the years and this means that we cannot deliver the same service level to the students as we used to. It will have an impact on more areas, e.g., the hours allocated to supervision will be challenged.

#### Admission of students 2021

On a faculty level, we have lost a quarter of the students this year (down by 25% in Odense). If Sønderborg is included, we are down by 21% on a faculty level.

The admission of new students 2021 could create some serious concerns, however, hopefully we will have lower drop-out rates due to the higher admission average.

8% can be explained by the national situation. The rest is due to the higher average. We received fewer applications in quota 2 than we had hoped for.

Conclusion: We achieved what we wanted with the average increase. The fraction of students with a two-digit average has increased remarkably.

Further, the number of female students admitted has risen (with 5 or 6 students but compared to the fraction it is quite a lot).

Response from the council

With regards to the admission numbers, we need to await the coming year. We should not change too much as this year has been an abnormal year. We should wait until next year and see the impact. This year is not an indicator at all.

In general, we should also expect lower qualified students as they did not receive optimal teaching the past 1½ years.

Head of Educations: More time needs to be allocated to handle this issue. We need a larger workshop for this. Kasper confirms that that will be scheduled.

**Ad 3) News from the Student Councils**

No representative from the Student Council attended the meeting.

**Ad 4) AOB**

No comments.

**Ad 5) Next Meeting**

Next meeting will take place on November 16th, **2021 at 10:30 – 12:00.**

The agenda will be forwarded approx. one week before the meeting. All council members are requested to contribute with points for the agenda whenever possible.